

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masahito HOASHI et al

Appln. No.: 09/000,366

Date Filed: January 28, 1998

For: METHOD FOR THAWING FROZEN
GROUND FISH MEAT

Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: D. Becker

Washington, D.C.

November 22, 2000

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REPLY TO PAPER NO. 19

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action of May 23, 2000,
petition for extension of time and payment of late fee being
attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 7 (twice amended), last line, delete "of the
type".

Claim 7, last line, delete "and/or JP 3-41145B" and
insert therefor ~~or~~ JP 3-411458--.

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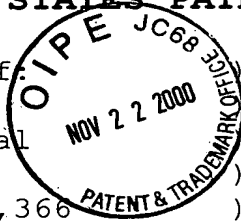
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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration

The claims in the application remain as claims 1 and 3-12.

The term "of the type" has been deleted from claim
7. There is nothing wrong with "and/or", as alternative
expressions are clearly permissible according to the MPEP;



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